

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2948 - HB 3045

March 21, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a health care facility from requiring an uninsured patient to pay for services in an amount that exceeds 100% of the average health insurance reimbursement. If services remain unpaid for 90 days, the facility may impose a surcharge that does not exceed 50% of the average reimbursement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

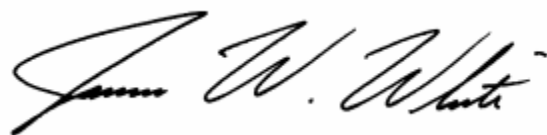
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, health care facilities can charge 150% of the average health insurance reimbursement.
- There will not be a significant increase in the number of complaints from uninsured patients over the amount charged them by a facility for services rendered.
- The Division of Health Care Facilities can absorb any increase of complaints within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director